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CAPE TOWN FOR EMBASSY

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SUBJECT: BRIEFING MOZAMBIQUE ON PARIS MEETING ON ZAIRE

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1. IN 14 JUNE MEETING WITH SERGIO VIEIRA, GOVERNOR BANK OF
MOZAMBIQUE AND ADVISOR TO PRESIDENT MACHEL, AMBASSADOR AND DCM
USED TALKING POINTS REFTEL A. VIEIRA FOLLOWS CLOSELY SOUTHERN
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AFRICAN DEVELOPMENTS, AND REPORTS DIRECTLY TO PRESIDENT MACHEL.

2. IN RESPONSE TO PRESENTATION, VIEIRA NOTED THAT PRESIDENT
NYERERE'S STATEMENTS ON THE USE OF FOREIGN TROOPS IN SHABA WAS
A FAIRLY ADEQUATE REFLECTION ON THE GPRM'S POSITION ON THE MATTER.
VIEIRA SAID THAT GPRM VIEWS SITUATIONS SUCH AS SHABA WITH TWO
PRINCIPLES OF GPRM POLICY FIRMLY IN MIND. FIRST, THE RIGHT OF

ANY SOVEREIGN STATE TO REQUEST OUTSIDE ASSISTANCE, BOTH MILITARY AND ECONOMIC, FROM ANY SOURCE IT CHOOSES. IN THIS CONTEXT, VIEIRA MENTIONED CHAD'S RIGHT TO REQUEST FRENCH AID AND ETHIOPIA'S TO REQUEST CUBAN AND SOVIET HELP. SECOND, THE RIGHT OF THE PEOPLE OF A NATION TO ATTEMPT TO OVERTHROW THEIR OWN CORRUPT OR UNRESPONSIVE GOVERNMENT. VIEIRA ALLUDED TO THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION IN THIS CONTEXT. HE DID NOT SAY SO, BUT HE CLEARLY HAD MOBUTU IN MIND TOO.

4. COMMENT. WHILE THE GPRM ADHERES TO THE TWO PRINCIPLES STATED ABOVE, ITS IDEOLOGY CLEARLY FAVORS AID FROM "PROGRESSIVE" AND REVOLUTIONARY STATES RATHER THAN INTERVENTION BY THE FRENCH AND MODERATE AFRICAN STATES IF OUTSIDE ASSISTANCE IS NEEDED IN RESOLVING AFRICAN PROBLEMS. MOZAMBIQUE MEDIA HAS BEEN VERY NEGATIVE IN REPORTING ON WESTERN AND AFRICAN MODERATES ACTIVITIES IN SHABA, WHILE PAINTING KATANGA FORCES AS GENUINE LIBERATION MOVEMENT INDIGENOUS TO ZAIRE.
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